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ally he mentions the immense usefulness of the visiting nurse in such an educational campaign, of whom he says, "there is no factor so potent for good as the work of the visiting nurses."

The book is a very small affair, less than one hundred pages, but its message is one that should not be missed. We should all join in this big campaign against lack of efficiency, of disease and premature death which Dr. Bashmore states to be the direct results of overcrowding and deficient housing.

SURGICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL NURSING. By Edward Mason Parker, M.D., F.A.C.S. Surgeon to the Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., and Scott Dudley Breckinridge, M. D., F.A.C.S., Gynaecologist to the Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London. Price \$2.50.

When two men unite in a big task, one looks for big results, and in the instance of the book before us no disappointment awaits the reader. It is not only that the presentation of the theory and practice of nursing, in general and special surgery, is well done; that the affiliating subjects, such as bacteriology and infection, are brought in where and when most apt to appeal to the intelligence of the pupil nurse and arouse her interest; that the care and preparation of instruments, with the listing of those needed at all, or most operations, leaves no room for blunders; that the routine care of operative cases and the application of all sorts of remedial measures is carefully provided for; all these things would have made the book valuable and placed it in the foremost lists. Operating room technique may be acquired by patient exercise of memory and observation and it is not here that the reader finds the note that makes this book different. It is the fact that the writers look for and expect to find in nurses a high order of efficiency, an absolute exactness in record, intelligence in observation and report and, in short, they lay upon them responsibilities not to be lightly discharged. The practical side of the book is of a high order, making it the best of its class, but again we remark that the ethical note is one we need.